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## **WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER**

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of February 19 thru February 25, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 822 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**STABBING** – On February 20 at 10:22 p.m. on the 1100 block of Hyacinth Avenue East a 17 year old man was stabbed. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**GARAGE FIRE** - On February 21 at 5:01 p.m. on the 1200 block of Albemarle Street fire companies were dispatched to a two car detached garage fire. The fire started inside the garage. The occupant was working on drilling out a bolt on a piece of metal when sparks from the drill ignited gasoline vapors on the floor that spread under the car in the garage. He tried to use an extinguisher than ran next door to borrow another extinguisher. The fire spread to the exterior of the house that was 10 feet away. The fire intensified by flammables, a propane tank, and aerosol cans that were in the garage. Estimated damages to the house is \$20,000, \$15,000 to the garage, contents was estimated at \$14,000, and \$3,000 to the car.



Fire damaged this garage on the 1200 block of Albemarle Street

**COLD EXPOSURE** – On February 21 at 5:05 a.m. on the 1300 block of Jackson Street an 82 year old man was transported to a nearby hospital by Paramedics for cold exposure.

**COLD EXPOSURE** - On February 21 at 7:08 a.m. on the 300 block of Goodhue Street a 15 year old girl had frostbite last weekend. The pain did not subside. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

**PEDESTRIAN STRUCK** - On February 23 at 2:00 a.m. on West Kellogg Blvd. and 7<sup>th</sup> Street a 25 year old woman had been struck by a motor vehicle. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

**CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING** - On February 23 at 8:56 p.m. on the 600 block of Hyacinth Avenue East a 28 year old woman was exposed to carbon monoxide after thee CO alarm started sounding. Fire companies responded and evaluated the situation and found unhealthy levels of carbon monoxide. She refused transport to the hospital. The fire company ventilated the building and left Xcel at the scene.

• The carbon monoxide alarm probably saved her life. State law requires all residences to have a carbon monoxide alarm within 10 feet of the entrance to every bedroom.

**VEHICLE FIRE** - On February 25 at 12:17 p.m. on the 2100 block of Capp Road firefighters responded to a report of truck on fire. When they arrived the fire had burned itself out. They checked for hot spots with a thermal imager. Upon examination, the wiring leading to the keyed ignition was found to be the point of origin, and an electrical short circuit, the cause.